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SUBJECT: MBFR: NATO COMMON FACILITY IN VIENNA

REF: A. USNATO 4130; B. USNATO 4260

1. AFTER REVIEW OF ALL MESSAGES DEALING WITH THIS MATTER, WE HAVE COME TO CONCLUSION THAT FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO STATE (INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS) SHOULD BE USED FOR NATO COMMON FACILITY IN VIENNA. SUCH FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE AMOUNT NOW CONTEMPLATED (ABOUT DOLS. 250,000 P.A.) FOR 1973 OR 1974, AND WE CAN MAKE NO COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUNDING AS NOW CONTEMPLATED.

2. WE ALSO DO NOT SEE ANY VALID JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTRIBUTING 30.18 PER CENT FOR A FACILITY EQUALLY USED BY ALL NATO DELEGATIONS. IT IS OUR POSITION THAT THE FACILITY SHOULD BE FINANCED UNDER THE FORMULA WHICH WAS USED FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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SPACE ALLOCATED TO THE DELEGATIONS ACCREDITED TO NATO. ON THAT BASIS, OUR SHARE SHOULD BE ABOUT 7.7 PER CENT. WE

BELIEVE THIS SHARE COULD BE JUSTIFIED BEFORE CONGRESS,
WHEREAS WE ANTICIPATE INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS IN
ATTEMPTING TO JUSTIFY A 30.18 PER CENT SHARE, PARTLY
BECAUSE CONGRESS IS AWARE HOW NATO HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
WAS FINANCED AND BECAUSE CONGRESS IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT
TO HAVE US REDUCE OUR SHARE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

3. YOU SHOULD TAKE POSITION AT SEPTEMBER 17 MEETING
THAT ALL THIRTEEN PARTICIPATING NATO MEMBERS SHOULD PAY
AN EQUAL SHARE. YOU MAY INDICATE THAT AFTER APPROPRIATE
REDUCTIONS ARE MADE IN PROPOSED BUDGET, WE ANTICIPATE TO
BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE ON AN EQUAL SHARE BASIS. RUSH

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